

The following text summarizes content for a forthcoming committee amendment on Senate Bill 85, which will be posted on OLIS by the end of the day on Tuesday, March 22.

Pause on Large Tier 2 Poultry CAFOs

- Prohibits, until July 1, 2025, the issuance or renewal of a license or permit to allow construction or operation of:
 - a new industrial tier 2 poultry CAFO
 - expansion of an existing industrial tier 2 poultry CAFO, or
 - expansion of an existing farm such that the farm would become an industrial tier 2 poultry CAFO

Note: For reference, Tier 2 is defined in the Senate Bill 85 -1 amendment, Section 2(2) (h) – (m).

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- Directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD), the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), and any other organizations ODA decides to engage, to conduct the necessary research, including surveying best practices from other jurisdictions, to answer the following questions:
 1. What regulatory requirements would reliably minimize adverse impacts of large-scale poultry operations on the water supply of adjacent or nearby properties?
 2. What regulatory requirements would reliably minimize adverse impacts (especially human health impacts) of large-scale poultry operations on air quality at adjacent or nearby locations, including but not limited to ammonia emissions?
 3. What if any requirements for poultry waste disposal might be warranted to further safeguard water resources and public health?
 4. What system and resources would be needed to establish and ensure compliance with requirements referenced in the above?
 5. What regulatory authority, consistent with Oregon land use law, could be specifically delegated to local governments to respond to perceived or potential conflicts between large-scale poultry operations and other businesses, facilities, or individuals in their communities?
- Requires ODA to submit a report to natural resources-related legislative committees by December 1, 2024 that provides a summary of research findings and specific, science-based recommendations that address the questions stated above.